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SUBJ: HAITI AND COLOMBIA DEFINE MARITIME BOUNDARY

1. COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER INDALECIO LIEVANO AGUIRRE
VISITED HAITI FEBRUARY 16-19 FOR SIGNING OF FINAL ACCORD
DELIMITING MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND HAITI.

2. THE ACCORD, SIGNED FEBRUARY 17, DEFINED A STRAIGHT
LINE BETWEEN TWO COORDINATES IN THE CARIBBEAN SEPARATING
THE TWO JURISDICTIONS. THE COORDINATES ARRIVED AT ON THE
PRINCIPLE OF EQUIDISTANCE, ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1) LAT. 14 DEGS
44' 10", LONG. 74 DEGS 30' 50" AND 2) LAT. 15 DEGS 02' 00",
LONG. 73 DEGS 27' 30". IN THE ACCORD, EACH NATION AGREED TO
PROMOTE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES OF THE THIRD UN LAW OF THE
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SEA CONFERENCE, AND OTHER RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL CONFER-
ENCES. EACH PARTY AGREED TO COOPERATE ON MEASURES TO
LIMIT POLLUTION IN ITS JURISDICTION TO AVOID CONTAMIN-
ATION OF CONTIGUOUS WATERS, AND TO TAKE MEASURES FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN THE AREA.
EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGED THE OTHER'S RIGHT TO ADOPT
PERTINENT REGULATIONS IN THE AREA OF ITS JURISDICTION.

3. IN AN ADDRESS AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY, HAITIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EDNER BRUTUS NOTED THAT NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE AGREEMENT. BRUTUS SALUTED THE ACCORD AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE AND COOPERATION. LIEVANO ECHOED THESE VIEWS AND EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS TOOK CARE IN THEIR DECISIONS NOT TO FRUSTRATE THE WORK OF THE ONGOING UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

4. GOH HAS ALREADY CONCLUDED A SIMILAR MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT WITH CUBA, AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS SOON WITH JAMAICA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND THE BAHAMAS.

5. LIEVANO'S PARTY INCLUDED CECELIA DE LOPEZ MICHELSEN, WIFE OF THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT ON WHAT WAS TERMED BY THE COLOMBIANS AS A PRIVATE VISIT, AND DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL ABRAHAM VARON VALENCIA. DURING THEIR VISIT, THE COLOMBIANS WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND MADE A VIP VISIT TO CAP HAITIEN AND THE NEARBY CITADELLE.

6. THIS HIGHLY PUBLICIZED ACCORD, FOLLOWING THE SIMILAR TREATY SIGNED LAST OCTOBER WITH CUBA, AND HAITI'S RECENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON COOPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM ON THE PEDERNALES RIVER, CONTINUES THE ENCOURAGING TREND OF INCREASED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOH
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AND OTHER CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

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